(c) whether it is also a fact that this project is not going up as per schedule;

(d) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(e) what steps have been taken by Government to complete the project as per schedule?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI M. L. FOTEDAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Group concluded that the construction of the plant was going ahead satisfactorily.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) The progress of construction of the project, the performance of the agencies working on it and the status of infrastructural support for the project are regularly monitered by the Government.

**Working of Haldia Fertilizer Project**

*89. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present position of working of Haldia Fertilizer Project;

(b) whether it is a fact that the development work of the Project for its commissioning for production has been kept suspended; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor and what is the future schemes of Government with regard to this project?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI G. S. DHILLON): (a) to (c) As there were frequent equipment problems during the commissioning of the Haldia Fertilizer Project, Government decided in October, 1986 to stop the commissioning activities. It has, however, been decided to undertake an end-to-end survey of the project for which consultants are being engaged.

**Government of India Press, Aligarh**

*91. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that on account of the very short supply of reel paper to the Government of India Press, Aligarh, machines of the press remain idle resulting in a loss of several lakhs of rupees;

(b) if so, what is the total amount of loss annually on this account;

(c) what steps Government propose to take to ensure the regular required supply of reel paper to the press; and

(d) what steps Government propose to take to improve the working of the Press?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI): (a) and (b) Some reelfed machines remained idle due to short supply of reel paper resulting in a loss of machine hours valued at Rs. 4,18,683.00 during the last financial year.

(c) Adequate funds have been provided to procure paper for the Government of India Presses during 1987-88. Indents have already been placed on the D.G.S. & D. Who will finalise the Rate Contracts shortly. Inspection procedure has also been changed to ensure supply of quality paper.

(d) Replacement of old and obsolete machinery by modern machinery in a phased manner, training of shop level and supervisory personnel to

enable them to operate the new modern machinery, ensuring timely supply of quality inputs and enforcement of production norms are the important steps being taken by Government to improve the working of the Press.

**Production of Pulses**

*92. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the production of pulses has been declining in the country and if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the deficiencies identified for low productivity have remained unattended as a result of which the programme of making the country self-sufficient in pulses has crashed; and

(c) if so, the persons responsible for the same and what action has been taken or proposed to be taken against them?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI G. S. DHILLON): (a) No, Sir. Figures relating to the production of Pulses for the last three years are given below. These show that the production is not declining.

| Year | Production (in million tonnes) |
|---|---|
| 1984-85 | 11.96 |
| 1985-86 | 12.97 |
| 1986-87 (Estimated) | 13.00 |

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

**Development of Bihar Sharif City**

*93. SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the cities in Bihar for which development scheme have been formulated by Government and the amount allocated for the purpose;

(b) whether the condition of Bihar Sharif city which is also the headquarters of Nalanda district is deplorable; and

(c) whether Government propose to formulate any development programme for this city and if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI): (a) A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha, (*See* below)

(b) and (c) Bihar was allocated six new towns under the Scheme of Integrated Development of Small and Medium Towns, during the Seventh Five Year Plan. The State Government indicated their priority for 6 towns and these have been covered under the Scheme. They have, however, now formulated a project for the development of Bihar Sharif town also.

The details of the project, as indicated by the State Government, are as under:—

| | Rs. in lakhs |
|---|---|
| 1 Municipal market at Laheri Mohalla | 9.00 |
| 2. Road Schemes | 19.17 |
| 3. But station complex | 56.56 |
| 4. Low cost sanitation | 21.92 |
| Total: | 106.65 |

In case, on a mid-term review of the Seventh Five Year Plan, additional funds are allocated for the I.D.S.M.T. Scheme, coverage of Bihar Sharif town under the Scheme could be considered.